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Saint Leo grows with new acquisition

By Owen Robertson
Co-editor in Chief

On Oct. 3, a joint announcement was made that the Benedictine Sisters of Florida and Saint Leo University have agreed to a real estate sale, whereby the University is acquiring 37 acres of the Benedictine Sisters' land holdings, including the parcel with Holy Name Monastery at 33201 State Road 52 in the town of Saint Leo.

The monastery parcel is directly adjacent to the west end of Saint Leo's campus, and

its addition will permit expansion to accommodate enrollment growth. The acreage comprising the purchase also includes parcels on the south side of State Road 52, which is located directly across the highway from the monastery. The Benedictine Sisters of Florida will construct a new monastery on the 40 acres they still own at Wichers Road.

For the present, the Benedictine Sisters, a community of 16, will continue to occupy the existing Holy Name Monastery until their new monastery is completed. The building project is expected to take about two years and will include a fundraising effort.

Meanwhile, the Board of Trustees will begin considering how best to incorporate the new holdings as part of the update to the master plan for the campus.

"This is a historic day for the Benedictine Sisters," said Sister Roberta Bailey, O.S.B. and prioress of the Holy Name Monastery. "It is the result of five years of prayerful discernment, on-going consultation with our advisors at Zielinski Companies, and many conversations with the administration at Saint Leo University. The current monastery building is actually our second home in our 123-year history in east Pasco County.

"We plant our roots deep and feel blessed that we can transplant ourselves across the street here near the University and in our hometown of Saint Leo. We are pleased that the land will remain in the 'family' and continue to be used for educational ministries that uphold the same Benedictine values that the Sisters espouse."

Dr. Arthur F. Kirk Jr., president of Saint Leo University, expressed gratitude for the ongoing relationship with the Benedictine Sisters.

"We have been so blessed to have the Sisters' involvement in Saint Leo since our founding as the first Catholic college in Florida," Kirk said. "Now the Sisters' work will continue, they will live nearby, their presence will continue to enrich our University, and they will be able to see on a daily basis how the addition of this parcel enhances our educational mission."

The University notes that this purchase does not include—nor does it affect—Saint Leo Abbey Church or Saint Leo Abbey, which are both owned by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Leo. The Benedictine Sisters and Benedictine Monks, while sharing the same faith, are legally separate entities, each with its own property rights and governance.

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Frank Mezzanini steps down as CFO

By Owen Robertson
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On July 25, the campus email lit up with a message from the office of the president of Saint Leo University to all Saint Leo employees. That message contained the news that Frank Mezzanini, vice president of Business Affairs and chief financial officer, had announced his retirement.

The legacy of Mezzanini, who originally grew up in Utica, New York, will not be measured in the building projects he oversaw, the good and bad financial times through which he guided the University, nor by his personal accomplishments; his legacy is in the lives of those he touched over his 15 years of service to Saint Leo.

One can hardly walk on campus and not see the focus he has had on the master plan, which he will gladly show anyone who asks, for the growth and expansion of Saint Leo. Any visitor who comes to Saint Leo can see the master plan at work in the new residence halls, parking garage, turf stadium field, and soon the new intramural fields; but there is more to him.

When asked about what he wanted to be remembered for, he said, "That I care."

When asked about his retirement, his closest friends and colleagues had only good things to say.

"Ambivalent is the word that comes to mind," Dr. Arthur Kirk, president of Saint Leo University said.

"He will be a tough act to follow, but we wish him well in his new role," Les Lloyd, chief information officer and associate vice president of University Technological Services said.

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"Bittersweet," said Jose Caban, director of plant operations. "[We spent] six years working together on numerous construction projects.

He is a passionate individual with whom the students have always come first. I'm happy for him and [his wife] Phyllis for his retirement, but I will certainly miss him."

Having accomplished so much in his tenure as CFO, seemingly at the top of his career, why would now seem like the right time for retirement?

"I'm retiring now because I'm healthy," Mezzanini said. "I feel good and I want to enjoy my retirement, to enjoy life. I want to slow down, but never stop. "I've been planning this since 1981."

The challenges of being CFO are tremendous, especially for a non-profit educational institution.

"My greatest challenge as CFO was trust, getting people to adjust from a mindset of distrust to trust. I think I've gotten everyone to believe that together, we can do it."

Establishing trust has been a hallmark of his career. That trust has linked the gap between faculty, administration, and the student body.

"My greatest achievement has been building the bridge between faculty and finance. They know I'm here for them to deliver our educational product for the students."

What resonates about Mezzanini is his passion for the students.

"Frank is always about someone else's best interest," Caban said. "It's never about recognition or the pat on the back. What's best for the University and what's best for the students."

"Frank has a true servant's heart," Kirk said. "An incredible, sincere commitment to serve everyone here. Frank says our job, his department, is to help all the rest of you be successful."

"His heart is in the right place and it's student-focused," Kenneth Posner, vice

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Student Government Union Senate Update

By Daniel Awuku-Asare
Contributing Writer

The first emergency meeting of the Student Government Union (SGU) of Saint Leo University for the 2012 fall semester was held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Donald R. Tapia School of Business Building in Room 308.

The meeting kick started at exactly 6:15 p.m. with an opening prayer offered by Senator Kara Marino. All 30 members of the Senate were present.

The agenda of the day was briefings of the proceedings of the American Students Government Association Conference held in Washington D.C. on Sept 27 through Sept 30.

By the constitutional stipulations of the SGU (Article III Section 6), the Senate is entitled to convene a meeting for regular business at least once in a semester of the academic calendar.

Some members of the Executive Board participated in the conference in Washington, including the President of the SGU, Katie Gwinn. In her opening address, Gwinn expressed her convictions on the conference and encouraged the Senate to remain committed for the new reforms of the new administration.

In her update, Gwinn mentioned few policies in other universities that sought to address the concerns of the student body and threw some of the suggestions to the Senate to make the survey and find out if that is something the students here at Saint Leo would want to consider. Some policies brought up were the "Smoke Free" and the Alcohol Medical Amnesty Policy; the latter, Gwinn stated, is a kind of policy which allows students to rush alcohol abuse victims to the hospital, which under normal circumstance is not permitted by law. The Executive Board indicated that the Union enjoys an advantage of the constitutional barking and faculty support. Besides, it has institutional alliances with the Students' Government Unions at the states' universities. Above all, it is recognized by the American Students Union at the national level.

Vice President of Operations of the SGU, Corey DeHate, emphasized on capacity building, trainings and role sensitizing exercises for the senators. He was not oblivious of the demanding nature of the job of the senator, but he encouraged the senators to be more committed to the cause.

"The work is tedious though, but it comes with a reward," DeHate said.

It looks as though in principle, the senators were in tune with their task and had avowed commitment to that. In a piece of the questionnaire handed out on what the Senate is required to do, the following responses were generally elicited:

Give voice to the voiceless

Represent the interest of students on campus

Address students concerns as promptly and fulfilling as expected

Liaise with the right authorities to coordinate and administer the core objectives of the university as an academic institution and a community

Build a spirit of excellence in the students through core programs.

In an absolute affirmation to these, the Senate observed that all three classes had had their special sessions to select their chairs for the Class Committees as stipulated by the SGU constitution, with the exception of the Seniors' Committee which had few things to resolve with their group to accomplish the task.

Senator Sarah Mauter questioned on the issue of attendance in the House, particularly in a situation of conflict of interest. In response, DeHate mentioned that attendance to the House's business is as important as any other business on the agenda of the senator, and for that reason, mandatory and constitutionally bound. He however admitted that under exceptional situations communicated formally through the channels of communication in the Senate excuses of absenteeism could be granted.

The Vice President of Activities, Stephanie Reyes, lamented the lackadaisical and nonparticipating attitude of some student organizations on campus, basically because of their inability to fund their programs and activities. She was, however, positive and assured the entire representation of campus organization in the Senate, who had upright standing, that the Campus Activities Board is willing and would give budgetary funding to any such organization in that situation. She therefore encouraged the senators representing their individual student organizations to endear to drive more student involvement in their programs. She added that such social activities deepen the socialization process and consolidate the total socio-psycho development of the individual.

With the new reforms in the administration championed by the Executive Board, the senators were particular about how petitions could be filled to bring amendments and improvements in the old order; for which concerns, DeHate pledged the Executive Boards commitment and readiness.

In order to broaden the scope of communication, and advertise the programs of the Union, the Executive Board informed the Senate, that it had taken the bull by the horn by creating SLU, SGU page on Facebook for such purposes. Prior to the session, DeHate indicated a couple of schemes which are available in the SGU for the students' benefits: such as the SGU scholarship and the Ana Di Donato scholarship. This, he indicated, is available online. Students could verify qualification status and proceed to apply under financial aid. He was hopeful of the already cordial relationship that exists between the university authority on one hand and the student front on the other.

In her concluding remarks, Gwinn entreated the Senate on the need to build a more united Senate as a student front to champion the good cause of the student

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president of Student Services said.

"He thrives on anything that will make the students' lives better," Connie Bolden, executive assistant to Mezzanini in Business Affairs, said.

"I hope people will know that he is compassionate and caring; that, University-wide, the students are his main focus and concern. He is always looking ahead at ways to make life better for them."

It is clear that everyone felt a special way towards Mezzanini. He had a different relationship with each colleague.

"He is the embodiment of the mission and the core values of the University," Kirk said.

"It's fun to watch Frank in his element as he tries to find creative solutions that embrace our core values, especially responsible stewardship," Posner said.

"To whomever sits in the chair behind me: I can only say live those core values and learn to balance that and plan ahead always," Mezzanini said.

It is the core values of Saint Leo that have defined Mezzanini's stewardship as CFO. It has not always been an easy road, but certainly one well worth traveling.

"The most difficult core values for me have been excellence and stewardship, they often butt heads," Mezzanini said. "We want it better, but that costs more."

Despite the struggle between values, Mezzanini has tried to find ways to find "win-win solutions" for the school. He said, "I'm very proud that we have established a living wage at the University."

With the hard work for Mezzanini coming to a close and a new chapter beginning, making the transition into retirement will bring new challenges.

"I'll miss everybody on a day to day basis," he said. "I've become friends with so many, that's the reason why I'm slowing down and not leaving."

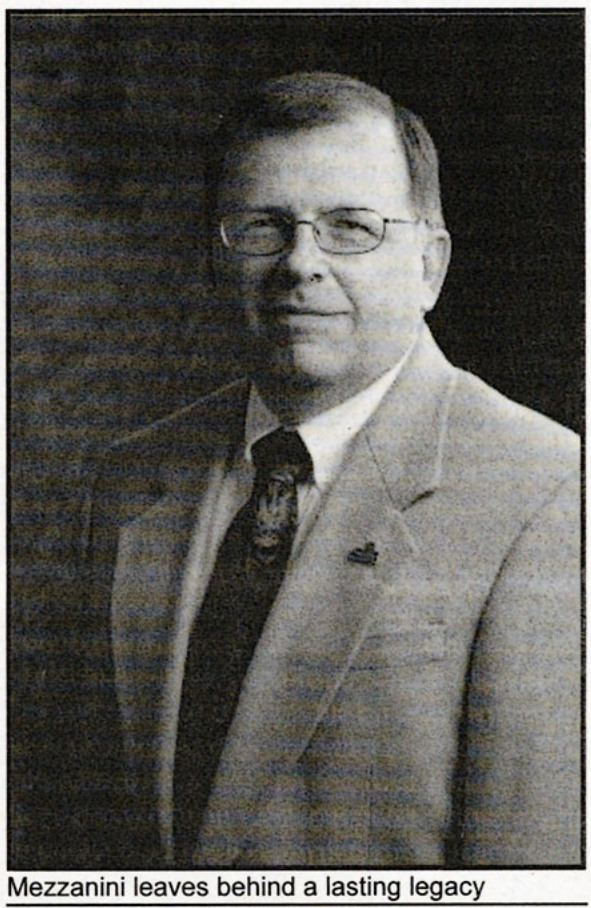
His actual plan is retirement from the role of CFO. He plans to continue working for the next two years until he is ready for full retirement. Knowing that he is in a slowing down period at the University, it is easy to understand that he may feel the need to reminisce about the past.

"Over the past 12 years, we've changed the lives of thousands," Mezzanini said. "It's hard for a CFO to see revenue walk across the stage, but it's outweighed by the wonderful feeling to see the changed lives of the students and people who cross that stage."

No one leaves only a legacy of their work when they retire. As CFO, Mezzanini has worked very closely with many at Saint Leo and many remember more than just his accomplishments.

"One of my favorite memories of Frank is from 2004," Kirk said. "While under the threat of multiple hurricanes, Frank was the key contact for our hurricane preparedness. He would sleep on campus on an air mattress in his office. I have this image of him in yellow boots and a yellow rain suit, the kind I had when I was in third grade that kept you dry and so very warm."

Many of his colleagues have expressed how they would not be able to forget his quirky behaviors.



Mezzanini leaves behind a lasting legacy

"Thinking outside the box," Caban said. "But he does it out loud. That resonates with me and with what we do for the University."

"Thinking out loud; Frank tends to think out loud," Lloyd said. "And to someone not familiar with this is, it sounds like he's providing answers to questions, but he's really only talking it through." "It took me a couple of years to get used to that and not to act on things he was saying when thinking out loud."

And then there are the little things that only a very few know about Mezzanini.

"Frank is the antithesis of a jock, but he is absolutely comfortable in his own skin," Kirk said. "He's happily nerdy. He is much more of a renaissance man than we give him credit for."

"Frank has a lot of experience working an ice cream truck,:" Lloyd said. "His dad owned it."

"On his first date with his wife, he picked her up in an ice cream truck," Kirk said.

It is these little insights into Mezzanini which help define him and what he has done for and at Saint Leo University.

"Frank has been a tremendous asset to the University," Kirk said. "We all have reason to be grateful to his commitment, his competence, his passion... all of those things he brought to the table for all those years. He was a blessing."

"He is much more than a number cruncher, he truly cares for this University," Posner said.

"Your typical CFO is numbers focused, but Frank is hands on," Caban said. "He wants to know how things work and why. That's what sets him apart."

"He doesn't aspire to a legacy about how many buildings we built or how much we saved; but to see how much we grew the University as an educational tool, how we took it forward," Bolden said.

So what more can be said but to wish this man with great compassion for service and stewardship the very best?

"I wish him fun without all the stress," Kirk said. "Nothing but health and happiness for him and Phyllis."

"Happy for him and Phyllis for his retirement, but I will certainly miss him," Caban said.

"I have always enjoyed working with him," Bolden said. "I've never had a hard or irritating day with him. He has always been so pleasant to be around and to work with. "I hope he finds something that brings him more pleasure than he's found here."

"Happiness with his wife Phyllis, enjoying his grandchildren, singing, and all the other things he loves to do," Lloyd said.

"I hope he gets to be the grandpa he wants to be," Posner said.

Mezzanini has served Saint Leo University since 1998 and has committed 15 years of true service to the community. If anyone sees him before he retires, take a moment to say "thank you" for his stewardship, his service, his humor, and his humanity.

"We will fill the chair, but we will never replace him," Bolden said.

We at The Lions' Pride Newspaper staff would like to thank Mr. Frank Mezzanini for his continued support of our newspaper over the years. His "inside scoop" and willingness to help this newspaper succeed will always be truly appreciated.

Campus News

Always look your best; dress for success

By Jessica Miller
Contributing Writer

The University wants students to succeed in their life ambitions, so the office of Career Planning offers a way for all students of any year to start planning for the work place.

"It is important to plan what is immediately ahead of you," said Robert Liddell, the new director of Career Planning.

The vast amount of activities and classes a student is involved with can be very time-consuming — so time-consuming that they often forget or push aside the afterthoughts of college. Whether a college student chooses to continue their education at a graduate school or move forward into the workplace, it is absolutely necessary to have a plan in place.

The Career Planning Department, located in Saint Edward Hall, offers multiple platforms of preparation that any college student can build off of. They can assist with résumés, mock interviews, internships, career help, cover letters, and graduate school preparation. Plus, all of these services are free.

"It is better than paying twenty dollars an hour for a coach," Liddell said.

However, the sooner a student starts planning, the better. Cathy Wise, an assistant director of Career Planning, said that many students are coming in during the second semester of their senior year. By this time, they have missed out on many opportunities for internships necessary to gain workplace skills: such as résumé writing, networking, and interviewing.

When it comes to résumés and interviews, Career Planning offers some tips on how to make a person stand out among the crowds of other people being interviewed for the same position. Résumés should be organized and professional-looking. As tempting as it may be to try to impress the hiring manager with graphics, it is better to impress the hiring manager with eye-catching words.

Make sure that the correct contact information is presented at the top of the résumé: complete with a name, home address, phone number, and an e-mail that is simple and professional. It is recommended to obtain a gmail account, since it is a free emailing site that is used by many professional companies. Remember to use academic writing. Do not write in the first person, slang, or jargon. Use verbs instead of nouns to describe a skill.

Also, keep the résumé organized by using bullets and easy-to-read 12-point font. When it comes to skills and experience, build off of past awards, projects, and professional associations. Remember to show the cause and effect from it. For example, a student joined Students Against Irresponsible Decisions (SAID) and included it on their resume. However, it was important for them to show how the organization affected them, so they should have included their membership, officer positions, and awards gained by joining that organization.

References are quite important with a résumé, because the references chosen reflect upon the character of the applicant. Choose past professors, managers, or professionals that can give valuable insight into any skills or assets. Also, provide each reference with an updated résumé and inform them about whether or not and when the hiring managers might call.

If one does not have enough experience, interviews can be stressful and frustrating. The Career Planning Department can help students prepare for them. First off, dress in professional attire and plan what to wear ahead of time. There are a variety of ways available in the modern day to wear professional attire, so there should not be a problem finding something that matches a desired style. Drive to the interview beforehand to calculate how bad traffic is, how bad parking might be, and how difficult it might be to find the office.

Then take into account that someone should show up 20 minutes early to any interview. Bring extra copies of references and résumés. Also, do not forget to bring a Social Security Card for identification. Prepare ahead of time a five-minute "Elevator Speech," and rehearse the answers to some of the most common questions in an interview:

What are your top three strengths?

What is your greatest weakness?

How do you work with a team?

What are your goals you have while working for this company?

Where do you see yourself in five years?

For more help with interviews, Career Planning can prepare a student by facilitating mock interviews for any type of interview.

Skype, group, phone and one-on-one interviews all have a different style to them. Each one should be taken into consideration. Beforehand, research the company and formulate questions that might intrigue the hiring manager; this gives the interviewee a break to recollect thoughts. After an interview, send a thank you letter. It can make a profound difference and help the hiring manager remember that particular interview better. Lastly, keep all social networking sites clean and professional. With companies becoming more and more technology-minded, managers find it very simple to check a Facebook or Twitter account.

"Preparation plus opportunity equals luck," said Katy Boyd, assistant director of Career Planning.

Luck is not something people fall into. Those who are prepared and who seek help to become prepared are the ones who succeed in life and are able to achieve their goals. The world can be a terrifying place to the student who does not know their next step after college. So stop by Career Planning today, and discover a little luck through preparation.

Zumba dance for a cause

By Dakota Rios
Contributing Writer

Students participated in Zumbathon to raise awareness in the fight against domestic violence. They were sent an email about the event and its cause. But what exactly is Zumba and how can participants help the fight against domestic violence?

Zumba is the largest Latin-inspired fitness sensation in the world. It is a mix between Latin music and dance themes that combine music and unique moves with working out.

Jeni J. is the owner and one of the instructors at Flava Fitness Studio. She escaped an abusive marriage that lasted ten years. By doing this Zumbathon, she hoped to prevent other women from the experience.

Kristina Lindner, who is a current student, also participated in the event.

"I think the students should know that there are 85 percent of victims are women and one in four women are abused by a partner. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and the Department of First Year Experience is having a drive from now until the 22nd of October. We are collecting clothing, shoes, children items (such as toys) and deactivated cell phones," she said.

The Zumbathon was on the weekend of Sep. 29 and Sep. 30.

Only a few students participated, yet every person that showed up counted. Jennifer Garcia was one of the few Lions that took part.

"The event was a great success," Garcia said.

"We had a handful of students participate, which was great. The best part was the flash mob on Dale Mabry and Lambright at 5 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, and then completing the 24 hours. I stayed the entire time."

The Zumbathon was not just one continuous marathon workout. There were several events at the studio, such as Wii challenges, kickboxing, live music, guest speakers, food, happy hour, a glow party, and more.

Domestic violence is a real occurrence in our society. It does not happen to just women, married couples, or adults. It can happen to anyone at any time. Students need to do their part to show their support. So join the lions and aid in the struggle.

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Arts & Entertainment

Sal on the Source Magazine

By Cheyenne Johnson
Contributing Writer

College is not just for the future, it is for the now. Students do not need to wait until they graduate to get involved in a company or in a field in which they are majoring.

Senior Sal DiBenedetto decided to take his own route and get involved in something he really wanted to pursue in the future — The Source Magazine.

"My affiliation with The Source began back in January," DiBenedetto said. "I was given the position of Campus Representative, then they found out I was coming back to New York in May of last year and asked me to come in for an interview. I was hired as a marketing intern."

The Source Magazine office is located in Time Square. It was founded in 1988, making it the longest-running hip hop publication in the United States. It is currently owned by Attorney Londell McMillan, who has been an entertainment attorney for artists such as Michael Jackson and Lil' Kim. The chief editor of the magazine is Kim Osario, who started her position in 2003.

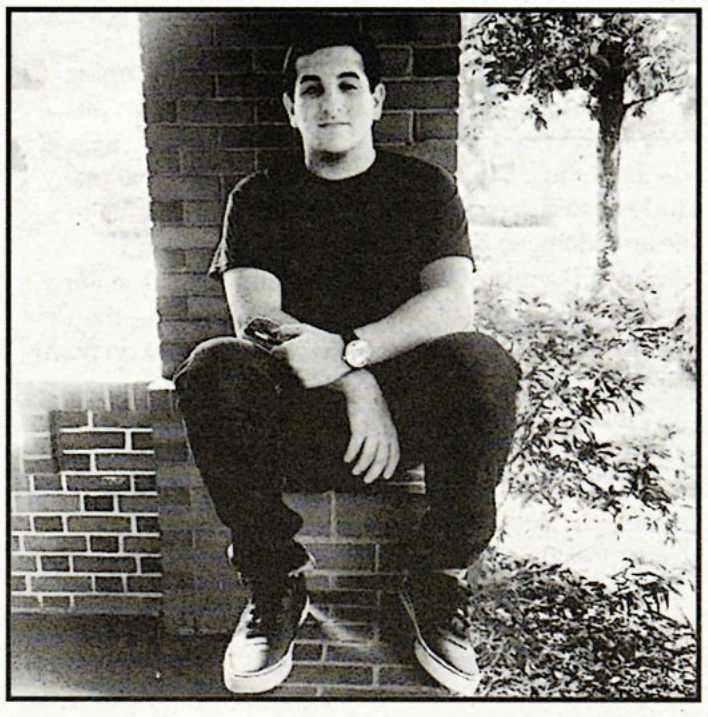
The job of this company is to report the ongoing trends and changes in hip hop culture, which includes music, urban culture, and sometimes even politics. The Source has been cited as "The Hip Hop Bible."

"I realized that this could be a great opportunity to advance myself in writing, which is my biggest passion," said DiBenedetto. "I submitted two articles to Osorio, who was intrigued with my writing. I went from marketing intern to editorial intern."

Since then, DiBenedetto has had many opportunities open up for him through the magazine.

"I did an editorial on a tribute to Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys, I had two highly talked-about headlining articles for their digital publication: 'Social Media's Effect on the Hip Hop Game,' as well as 'Artist vs. Entertainer: The Growing Divide.' I got to meet J. Cole briefly. I went to the Meek Mill photo shoot for our August/ September issue. I also got to interview Far East Movement when they came to Saint Leo and turned it into an editorial on the importance of voting, which also headlined on the digital publication."

"My biggest accomplishment for The Source has to be getting published in the print magazine. I had given an article to Osorio on Frank



Ocean's revelation of his sexuality and what it means for hip hop. She loved it so much that it was a featured front page article in the Meek Mill edition. I also wrote some of the descriptions for the Power 30 edition, which will be in stores on October 9, 2012. This is a highly anticipated edition in the hip hop world."

Aside from print, The Source has an online version at TheSource.com.

Students should realize that they do not have to wait until after they graduate to pursue a job in their field. They can follow DiBenedetto's example and work their way up to something that they really hope to achieve. If a student puts in just a little bit of effort, big opportunities could arise.

Campus News

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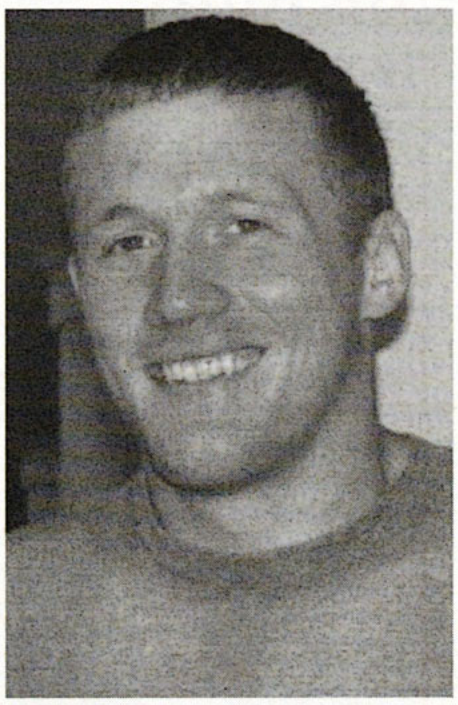
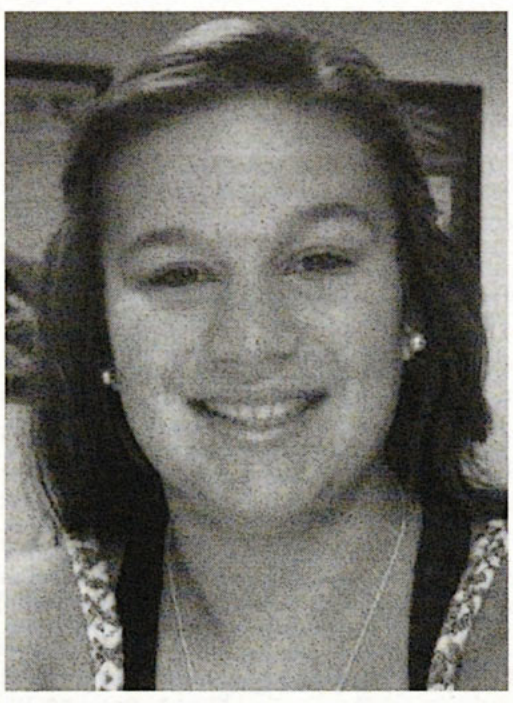
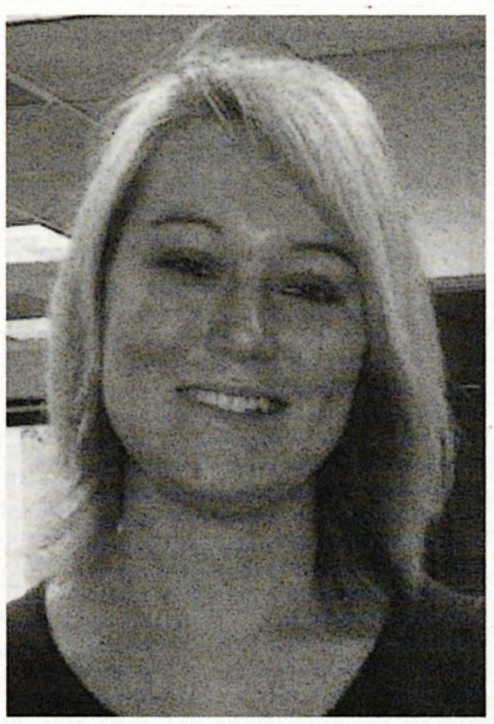


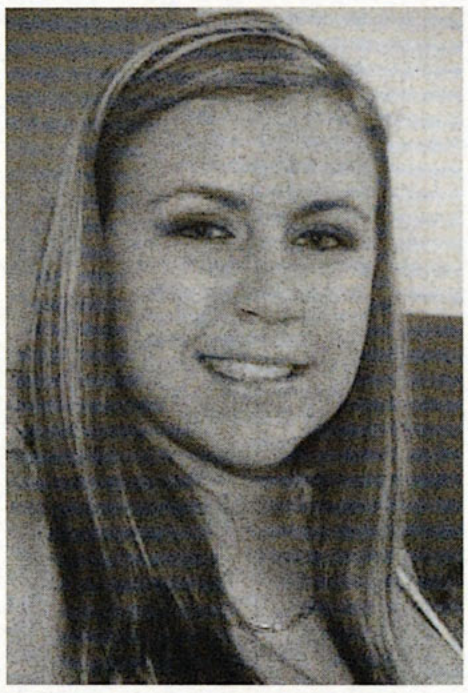
"Given time, it will start working out fine." –Alex Johnson, sophomore



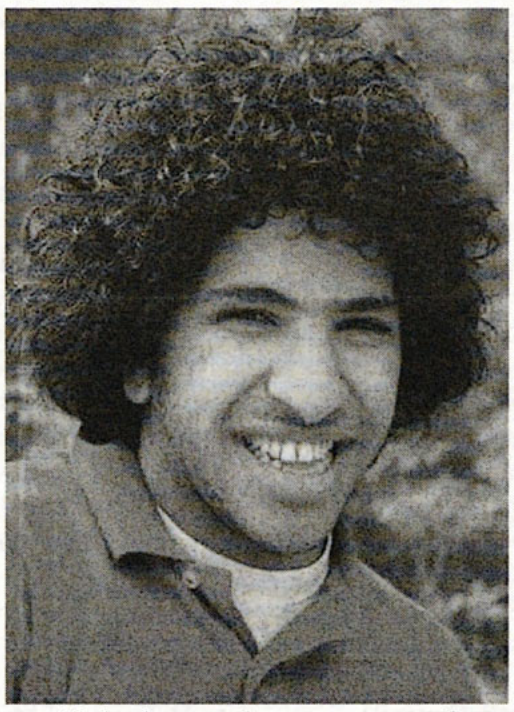
"It is very confusing." –Dakota Rios, sophomore



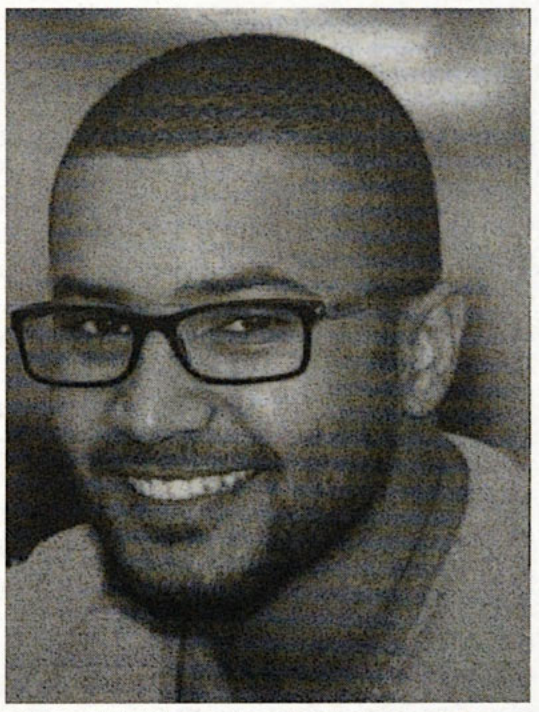
"I kind of feel like it is confusing, but I like the overall design." –Chelsea DeVries, junior



"I don't like it." –Laurisa Fisher' freshman



"It looks way better compared to the old one; it has technology to make it useful and easier." –Hamed Habadi, freshman



"It looks cool and new through my phone, I can see more information this way." –Muaath Alheji, sophomore

Survey by Lindsay Daughtry, Contributing Writer

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populace.

At exactly 6:40 p.m., Corey DeHate, Vice President in charge of Operations, moved for the adjournment of the Senate until Wednesday, October 3, 2012, when the Senate was expected to reconvene at the TECO Hall at 6:15 p.m.; and that was unanimously seconded by the House.

The proceedings for the October 3, 2012, Senate session began in earnest as scheduled. The full complement of the House was not realized, but 2/3 representing quorum was formed. The House went through the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was upheld. A critical look was given to the Procedural Order of the House, including proper ways to file a motion and adopt it.

By the provisions of Article VI Section 1 Subsection A, a proposal of the Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) presented to the House by its representatives asking to be incorporated into the SGU was considered. The House through a roll call vote approved the proposal, subject to Article III Section 7, which empowered the 2/3 section of the House to do so.

The Phi Alpha Theta subscribes to the core value of community, which is embedded in the university's core values. It participates in the annual UN Model sessions held in Penn State, and had over the years distinguished itself, by bringing home honors among other important conferences and activities it participates. Membership is opened to all history majors as well as students in other majors of disciplines who qualify for Associate Membership. The House was therefore fully convinced that its incorporation into the Union was a step in the right direction.

A seven member standing Roles Committee was constituted with its members comprising:
Senator Katie David
Senator Brendan Gorman
Senator Mike Gincel
Senator Medjine Jean Jaques
Senator Jonathan Peron
Senator Kara Marino
Senator Orlando Rolim

Other Committees, which were brought to the floor of the House for consideration were the
Activities Committee
Art Committee
Student Service Committee
Financial Aid Committee
and
Judicial Committee

However, all these Committees were suspended for future action. The House adjourned at 6:40 p.m. until October 10 to reconvene.

Sports

College football with T-Mac

Predictions for this weekend's matchups

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No. 1 Alabama at Missouri
Saturday, Oct. 13 | 3:30 p.m.
What to expect: Alabama comes into this game as the undisputed No. 1 team in the nation and they should not have any problem with Missouri. The Tigers, still looking for their first SEC win, unfortunately will not be able to make it happen this weekend. The Crimson Tide win easily, and remain undefeated.
Prediction:
Alabama 49, Missouri 10

No. 3 South Carolina vs. No. 9 LSU
Saturday, Oct. 13 | 8 p.m.
What to expect: South Carolina comes into the game coming off of a big win against Georgia, while LSU is coming off of a disappointing loss to Florida. South Carolina may come into this game with a bit of a hangover effect from last week. The Tigers will come out with just enough passion and fire to take down the Gamecocks in a close one.
Prediction:
LSU 21, South Carolina 17

No. 4 Florida at Vanderbilt
Saturday, Oct. 13 | 6 p.m.
What to expect: Florida comes into this game after a huge home win against LSU in a game in which many people thought they had no chance of winning. Although the Gators proved a lot last week, and played as good as they have in a few years, they are not back to the days of 2007-09. Nonetheless, Florida will have no problem with Vanderbilt. The Commodores got their first SEC win of the season last week against Missouri, but will be overmatched in this game.
Prediction:
Florida 31, Vanderbilt 14

No. 5 West Virginia at Texas Tech
Saturday, Oct. 13 | 3:30 p.m.
What to expect: Heisman frontrunner Geno Smith has led West Virginia's surge up the rankings, and really turned some heads with last week's win at Texas. The Mountaineers defense has been questionable, but with the offensive firepower that they have, they will be tough to beat. Texas Tech comes into the game with a 5-1 record, but without any really impressive wins. West Virginia will have no problem rolling through the Red Raiders.
Prediction:
West Virginia 63, Texas Tech 28

No. 6 Kansas State at Iowa State
Saturday, Oct. 13 | Noon
What to expect: Kansas State continues to win by pounding the rock and playing stifling defense. The Wildcats have not allowed an opponent to score more than 21 points all season and have a quality win against Oklahoma. Iowa State comes into this game with a 5-1 record with their best win coming last week against No. 15 ranked TCU, who was playing without their starting quarterback. This is a better Iowa State team than we have seen in the past, but Kansas State is too solid. The Wildcats win in a pretty close game.
Prediction:
Kansas State 35, Iowa State 21

No. 7 Notre Dame vs. No. 17 Stanford
Saturday, Oct. 13 | 3:30 p.m.
What to expect: Notre Dame enters this game as the only team in the country who has not trailed in any game this season. Coming off an annihilation of Miami, the Fighting Irish will certainly be confident coming into this game. Stanford, 4-1, impressed the country with its win over USC in the third week of the season, and then had a letdown against Washington the following week. Coming off of an overtime win against a solid Arizona team, the Cardinal come into this game looking to prove a point and knock off another giant. Stanford kicks field goal to win on their final possession.
Prediction:
Stanford 34, Notre Dame 31

UPSET PICK

No. 11 USC at Washington
Saturday, Oct. 13 | 7 p.m.
What to expect: USC enters this weekend still without a quality win. The Trojans lost to Stanford in week three in their only true test of the season so far. Additionally, last week's 38-28 performance against Utah was less than impressive. Washington enters the game with two losses, the first on the road against then-No. 3 LSU, and the latter coming last weekend against now-No. 2 Oregon. The Huskies impressed the nation with their upset win against Stanford two weeks ago, and are looking to do the same this weekend. Former USC offensive coordinator and current Washington head coach Steve Sarkisian will have this team ready for this one. Washington wins a thriller in Seattle.
Prediction:
Washington 28, USC 24

No. 12 Florida State vs. Boston College
Saturday, Oct. 13 | 5:30 p.m.
What to expect: Florida State will come out in this game looking to regain the respect they lost in last week's upset loss to NC State. Expect the Seminoles to come out firing and quickly end Boston College's hopes of handing FSU another loss. Boston College's lone win thus far in the season was against 1-AA Maine. Coming off of a loss to Army, the Eagles will not have the confidence it takes to even begin to think about sticking with the 'Noles. Florida State wins in a game that will be ugly by the end of the first quarter.
Prediction:
Florida State 56, Boston College 3

No. 13 Oklahoma vs. No. 15 Texas
Saturday, Oct. 13 | Noon
What to expect: This annual game at the Cotton Bowl should be one of the better ones in this week's slate of games. Oklahoma comes off of a win against Texas Tech, while the Longhorns lost a heartbreaker at home against West Virginia. Despite the loss, Texas will come into this game with some confidence. They contained West Virginia better than any time up to this point, and although I do not believe in moral victories, that will help Texas entering into this much-anticipated game. Texas wins in a close one.
Prediction:
Texas 21, Oklahoma 20

No. 22 Texas A&M at No. 23 Louisiana Tech
Saturday, Oct. 13 | 9 p.m.
What to expect: This game was previously scheduled for the first week of the season but had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Isaac. Much to our viewing pleasure, this game now has a much more interesting premise. Louisiana Tech appeared in the AP Poll this week for the first time in their program's history after winning five straight games. On the other hand, Texas A&M has proven that they can compete in the SEC. With wins over Arkansas, Ole Miss, and a close loss to Florida, the Aggies have quieted many critics who said it would take years for the program to become competitive in the SEC. After this week, people may begin to question their legitimacy again. The Bulldogs will give the 23,000 people at Joe Aillet Stadium what they came to see—a win over an SEC opponent.
Prediction:
Louisiana Tech 42, Texas A&M 35

N.F.L.R.A lockout ends

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A 112-5 vote on Saturday, Sep. 29 ended the N.F.L. referee lockout. The officials were returned to the job that is full of disagreements, unruly fans, and split-second decisions.

After the Seattle Seahawks faced the Green bay Packers on Monday, Sep. 24, the temporary referees were under intense scrutiny, and fans were ready for the officials to end the lockout and return to their positions. The debated touchdown call that handed the Seahawks the victory will not soon be forgotten by Packers fans.

Scott Green, president of the Referees' Association, took control and led the voting on the new labor pact between the N.F.L. and their officials.

Saturday morning, the agreement was finalized.

The pact calls for an average increase in salary from $149,000 in 2011 to $173,000 in 2013, increasing to $205,000 in 2019. The NFL has also obtained the right to hire officials to work year-round. That will be determined by the N.F.L.'s needs in a given year, along with training necessities for any new hires. The number of officials hired in total will be controlled by the N.F.L.

This agreement takes a small fraction out from the $8 billion the N.F.L. makes yearly and lets fans continue their love-hate relationship with referees.